

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Kunihiko MIYAZAKI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 8995
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Application No.: 10/620,808	:	Group Art Unit: 2137
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Filed: July 17, 2003	:	Examiner: M.D.T. Nguyen
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For: METHOD FOR VERIFYING A DIGITAL SIGNATURE		

**PETITION FOR LATE AMENDMENT TO CLAIM  
CONTINUATION-IN-PART STATUS**

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accord with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicants hereby petition for entry of the concurrently filed amendment to the specification to amend the cross-reference to related applications so that the present application expressly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 as a continuation in part of prior filed U.S. Application No. 11/999,373, which is a continuing application off of prior filed U.S. Application No. 09/693,713, filed in U.S. on October 19, 2000, now U.S. 7,305,558.

**Statement:**

The entire delay between the date the claim of priority was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the present date was unintentional.

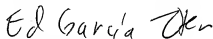
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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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